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Remarks

Statement of the Status of the Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c).

Claims 1–15 were issued in U.S. Patent 6,258,082, and remain pending herein. As shown in the listing of claims beginning of page 3 of this paper, Applicant has amended Claims 3–10, 12 and 13, and has added new Claims 16–18. No claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1–18 are now pending in the present application.

Statement of Support for Claim Changes Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c).

Applicant has amended Claims 3–10, 12 and 13. The scope of these amended claims encompasses subject matter which was previously disclosed but not claimed. The Applicant therefore submits that no new matter is introduced by these claims. In particular, the Applicant notes that all of these amended claims are dependent from amended independent Claim 3. Claim 3 is fully supported by the various exemplary embodiments disclosed with reference to the figures and text of the specification. For instance, Applicant refers specifically to 8:40–58 and 9:45–48 of the issued patent.

Applicant has also added new Claims 16–18, which recite subject matter previously disclosed but not claimed. The limitations provided within these claims are supported by the specification of the patent, and the Applicant refers specifically to 9:48 with respect to Claim 16, to 8:57 with respect to Claim 17, and to 9:6 with respect to Claim 18.

Applicant therefore submits that the claims as amended herein are appropriately supported by the specification of the parent patent.

Conclusion.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant submits that the requirements of the Housekeeping Amendment called for in the Decision have been satisfied. If any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue

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